IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Xu et al. Confirmation No. 3855

Serial No.: 09/834,560 Group Art Unit: 1761

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For: Methods For Producing Potato Products

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Advisory Action dated December 9, 2004. Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-14, 16, 17, 20, 22, 24, 25, 35, and 39-43 are pending in the present application.

It is respectfully submitted that the present amendment presents no new issues or new matter and places this case in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is requested.

I. The Rejection of Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-14, 16, 17, 20, 22, 24, 25, 35, and 39-43 under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10, 11, 14, 16, 17, 20, 22, 24, 25, 35, and 39-43 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamashita (U.S. Patent No. 5,312,631) in view of Fan *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 4,503,127). This rejection is respectfully traversed for the reasons of record.

Claims 12 and 13 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamashita (U.S. Patent No. 5,312,631) in view of Fan *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 4,503,127), as applied to claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10, 11, 14, 16, 17, 20, 22, 24, 25, 35, and 39-43 above, and further in view of Judkins *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,033,697), Rogols *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,897,898), or Stevens *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,965,189). This rejection is respectfully traversed for the reasons of record.